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Mr. Amzie Moore  
614 Christman St.  
Cleveland, Miss.

Dear Mr. Moore,

The Connecticut Race and Religion Action Committee is a church sponsored organization (at present five Protestant Christian churches in the state, but we hope it will gain further membership) having the purpose of promoting better race relations, and specifically to aid the civil rights movement both in Connecticut and the United States. We met last night to consider ways and means. One need which was brought to our attention was a financial threat, through the instrument of a mortgage, to a certain property in your community which has been used as a social center or meeting place for civil rights workers. The speaker

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said that \$1500 was needed to prevent foreclosure, and that \$750 had been promised by some persons in Connecticut.

My wife and I cannot stand the thought of such a mean blow to negro persons in your community and to the civil rights effort in Mississippi. We have decided to send \$750 by the enclosed postal money order in order to meet this one threat at least. Mr. Marr tells me that you are the person who can see that this money gets to the right place.

If the property owner can in time repay the money, as payments would normally be made upon a mortgage, this would be appreciated, as it would enable us to help in some other emergency. Our immediate object, however, is to preserve the property for continued use as a center for civil rights activity which we consider entirely legitimate.

If the property (we understand privately owned) also serves social and educational purposes, so much the better. We want to give courage and moral support to the private owner who has thus risked his property.

God bless you.

Richard R. Hasbrouck